



Health, Seniors and Active Living

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Dear Health Care Provider:

RE: Manitoba's 2016-17 Seasonal Flu and Pneumo Immunization Program

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) is offering seasonal influenza vaccine free-of-charge to all Manitobans 6 months of age and older for the 2016-17 influenza season. Individuals 65 or older and those at most risk for invasive pneumococcal disease are also eligible to receive Pneu-P-23 vaccine free-of-charge.

Manitoba will offer the Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccines (QIIV) Fluzone® Quadrivalent (in both multi-dose vials DIN#02432730 and pre-filled syringes DIN#02420643) and Flulaval® Tetra (DIN#02420783 in multi-dose vials) and the Quadrivalent Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (QLAIV) FluMist® Quadrivalent nasal spray, if available* (DIN#02426544).

Providers/facilities can start placing their initial flu and/or pneumo vaccine order between August 15th, 2016 and September 15th, 2016, using the attached *MHSAL Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccine Order Form* (also available at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html). Orders received prior to August 15th, 2016 will not be accepted and will need to be resubmitted within the date range stated above. Orders received after September 15th will be placed in a fifth group and will be shipped according to the following schedule:

Hospitals, personal care homes (PCHs) and First Nations communities
Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 7 to 9
Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 0 to 3
Providers/facilities with Client ID ending in 4 to 6
Providers/facilities that order after September 15th, 2016

All providers must review their previous flu/pneumo vaccine usage and wastage and order enough vaccine to last them until the end of October; repeat orders will be processed only after all initial orders have been filled. The shipping sequence by Client ID will continue to change year to year to ensure that all providers will have equitable access (e.g.: 0-3 was shipped first last year, is second this year and will be third next year, etc.).

MHSAL's *Seasonal Flu Vaccine Distribution and Supply* website (www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/distribution.html) will be updated accordingly to indicate an approximate date of when providers/facilities may expect to receive their shipment as that information becomes available but is expected to start at the end of September.

***Flumist Information:** The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) is conducting a review of the effectiveness of QLAIV. This review may affect the delivery of Flumist in the 2016/17 influenza season. MHSAL will communicate further to providers if the recommendations made by NACI will affect the 2016/17 influenza season. **Should the NACI review result in QLAIV not being made available to Health Care Providers in 2016/17, MHSAL will automatically replace any QLAIV doses ordered with QIIV vaccine.**

MHSAL offers health information resources (e.g. seasonal flu factsheets, posters) free-of-charge to all health care providers. For more information, please go to www.gov.mb.ca/health/jmc/index.html.

Sincerely,

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